## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

URSULA BYRAM et al.,

Plaintiff(s),

v.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES et al.,

Defendant(s).

Case No. 2:23-cv-09285-SB-MAR

CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER

## PLEASE READ THIS ORDER (AND ATTACHMENT) CAREFULLY

The complaint was filed on November 3, 2023; and the answer was filed on December 19, 2023. The DOE defendants remaining after April 12, 2024 are dismissed by operation of this Order and without further notice.

The Court has reviewed the Joint Rule 26(f) Report and sets the pretrial and trial dates noted in the table below based on an evaluation of the complexity of the case and at the request of the parties. The deadlines below will *not* be continued absent a timely showing of good cause. Good cause requires a specific, detailed, timely, and non-conclusory showing of diligence from the outset of the case, describing: (i) all relevant work previously done (including when each item was completed), (ii) all relevant work that remains to be done, (iii) why the remaining work could not previously have been done (including efforts made to complete each remaining item), and (iv) why the amount of time requested is needed to complete the remaining work. The Attachment to this Order describes the requirements in more detail, and failure to comply with them will result in denial of the request with prejudice.

<b>Trial</b> □ Court ⊠ Jury (Mon., 8:30 a.m.)	October 29, 2024	
Pretrial Conference (Fri., 10:00 a.m.) (including hearing on motions in limine)	October 1, 2024	
Motion to Amend Pleadings/Add Parties (Hearing Deadline)	April 12, 2024	
Discovery Deadline – Nonexpert	June 25, 2024	
Discovery Deadline – Expert	August 2, 2024	
Initial Expert Disclosure	June 3, 2024	
Rebuttal Expert Disclosure	June 10, 2024	
Discovery Motion Hearing Deadline <sup>1</sup>	August 9, 2024	
Non-Discovery Motion Hearing Deadline	August 9, 2024	
Settlement Conference Deadline  ☐ 1. Mag. J. ⊠ 2. Panel ☐ 3. Private	August 23, 2024	
Post-Settlement Status Conf. (Fri., 8:30 a.m.):	September 6, 2024	
Joint Status Report Due (7 days before by 9:00 a.m.):	August 30, 2024	
Trial Filings (First Set) Deadline	September 10, 2024	
Trial Filings (Second Set) Deadline	September 17, 2024	

All motion deadlines reflect *the last day when a motion may be heard*, and a hearing must be set on *an open hearing date*. Consult the <u>Court's website</u> before scheduling a hearing to determine availability. A party that waits until the last day to have a motion heard on a date that turns out to be unavailable risks having the motion stricken and not heard.

The parties should plan to complete discovery far enough in advance of the discovery deadline to allow for the filing of a discovery motion if necessary and for completion of the discovery allowed if relief is granted. Delaying discovery (e.g., a deposition) until receiving other discovery (e.g., written discovery)—or deciding not to conduct a deposition remotely—generally does not constitute good

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> A motion seeking or opposing further nonexpert discovery must be heard on or before the nonexpert discovery deadline.

cause to continue the discovery or other deadlines. The parties should take this risk into account when deciding whether to engage in strategic ordering of discovery or to conduct in-person depositions.

The parties, their counsel, and their witnesses should be prepared to trail for up to 30 days from the trial date if needed.

cc: ADR

Date: February 6, 2024

Stanley Blumenfeld, Jr.
United States District Judge

## **ATTACHMENT**

The parties should prepare this case without expecting an extension of any pretrial or trial deadline, even if the extension request is by stipulation. The Court applies the same standard of good cause for all requests (whether opposed or unopposed).

A continuance will be granted only for good cause as defined in the Order above. The showing shall be placed in a table in chronological order and shall include *all* discovery and significant procedural events from the outset of the case in the format illustrated below.

Completed Work			
<u>Date</u>	<u>Pty</u>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
_/_/_	П	Complaint	
_/_/_	Δ	Answer	
_/_/_	П	Initial Disclosures	
_/_/_	Δ	Initial Disclosures	
_/_/_	П	Interrog., RFPs, RFAs (Set #1) <sup>2</sup>	
_/_/_	Δ	Interrog., RFPs, RFAs (Set #1)	
_/_/_	П	Smith Depo	
Remaining Work <sup>3</sup>			
_/_/_	П	Jones Depo	Detail: (1) why it was not already done; (2) prior efforts to complete it; and (3) why the amount of time requested is necessary.

The requesting party/parties also must submit a proposed order *in Word format* using the exact "CMO Continuance Order template" provided on the Court's website.

## Failure to comply with the above requirements will result in the denial of the request with prejudice.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Each discovery item (e.g., RFAs) must be separately listed *unless* they all occurred on the same date.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Each remaining discovery item must be listed separately with a proposed date for completion in the first column, the party taking the discovery in the second column, a description of the discovery in the third column, and an explanation in the fourth column of (1) why the discovery was not already done, (2) the prior efforts to complete it, and (3) why the amount of time requested is necessary.